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ERADICATION OF CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring a new legislation to make 14 years the minimum age for employment in all sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which such legislation is likely to be enacted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

(SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): The Government propose to enact a Central Legislation fixing minimum age of 14 years for admission to employmentand work in all occupations but excluding agriculture in family and small holdings producing for own consumption. The proposed Legislation will also fix a minimum age of not less than 18 years for admission to any type of employment and work which by its nature or circumstances in which it is carried out is likely to jeopardize the health, safety or morals of young persons.

(c): Inter- ministerial consultation on the proposed legislation has been completed and a draft Bill to this effect is to be drafted shortly.